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Academic success before Fosbury Flop for Sean Yee

KUALA LUMPUR: National woman high jumper Yap Sean Yee will not feature in any competitions until June.

The SEA Games gold medallist, who is pursuing a degree in computer science at Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), wants to concentrate on her studies.

"I have a project which I need to submit by June and I have decided to focus on it. I also want to complete my studies, which I started in 2015.

"I want to obtain my degree by next year so I can fully focus on training and competitions," said Sean Yee.

"Although I will not compete in any meets until June, I will still train under coach Aleksandar (Gasparyan) at Bukit Jalil.

"I need to continue training as I will be back for a few meets like the Malaysian Open (in Bukit Jalil from Sept 4-6), one or two state meets and the most important assignment – the Asean University Games (in Ubon

Ratchathani, Thailand, from Dec 13-22)," said Sean Yee, who bagged a bronze with a jump of 1.64m in the last Asean Games in Naypyidaw, Myanmar in 2018.

The 25-year-old said her mission this year was to break her national record of 1.83m, which she set in the Kuala Lumpur SEA Games en route to bronze in 2017.

"I will have more than enough time to prepare for the Asean Games after June. I want to win the gold as I am ranked No. 1 in South-East Asia region and it will also be my last University Games," said Sean Yee, who cleared 1.81m to win gold in the Philippines SEA Games.

Sean Yee said that 2017 was her best year in competitions as she broke the national record twice – in the Federal Territory Throws, Jumps and Under Distance Championships in Bukit Jalil, where she managed 1.81m in March, and the 1.83m at the SEA Games five months later.